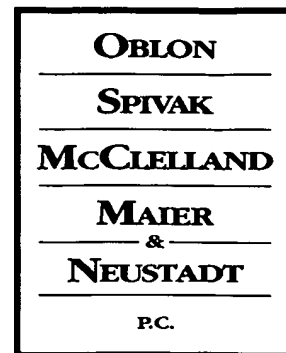




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/762,250
Applicants: Minoru HAYASHI, et al.
Filing Date: January 23, 2004
For: MOLDED LAMINATE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: Catherine A. SIMONE

SIR:


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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Respectfully submitted,

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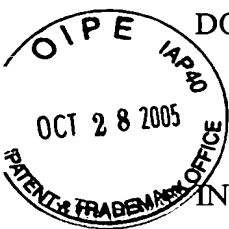

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In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, the invention of group I, including Claims 1-4 and 8, drawn to a molded laminate, is elected with traverse.

The restriction requirement is traversed for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

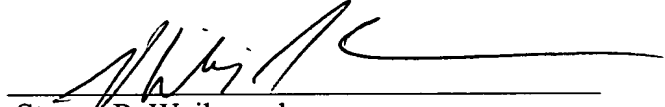
...If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Each of the pending claims appears to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the outstanding requirement is traversed on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-11 be conducted.

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